

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 5 and 8 as follows.

Claims 1 through 4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus comprising:

a container containing a developing agent;

a developer bearing member, which bears said developing agent received from said container and provides the developing agent to a photosensitive drum;

a developing frame, which supports said developing bearing member;

a magnetic sealing member magnetically restricting leakage of the developing agent at an end of said developing apparatus in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member,

wherein said magnetic sealing member is provided on said developing frame to form a gap with an outer surface of said developing bearing member, and

wherein said magnetic sealing member includes a magnetic portion facing a peripheral surface of said developing bearing member and an elastic portion facing to a side of said developing frame; and

an elastic sheet preventing the developing agent from leaking out of said developing apparatus, said elastic sheet being attached with a double-sided adhesive tape along the longitudinal direction of said developing frame,

wherein said magnetic sealing member and said elastic sheet are overlapped with each other, and

wherein an end in a longitudinal direction of said double-sided adhesive tape is L-shaped and contacts said elastic portion of said magnetic ~~sealing~~ sealing member.

**6. (Canceled)**

**7. (Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein an end in the longitudinal direction of a tip of said sheet member enters into a space between said developer bearing member and said magnetic sealing member.

**8. (Currently Amended)** The developing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising an auxiliary member, which is located adjacent to said magnetic ~~sealing~~ sealing member, for biasing a free end side of said elastic sheet to said developing bearing member,

wherein said developing frame is provided with, at a portion attaching to said elastic sheet, ~~a recess into;~~ a recess into which said auxiliary member enters.

**9. (Previously Presented)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said auxiliary member is an elastic member.

**10. (Previously Presented)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the free end side of said elastic sheet is in contact with said developer bearing member along the longitudinal direction.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein said auxiliary member is L-shaped.